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RESOLUTION NO. 2037
Amendment to Resolution No. 2020

A Resolution to establish the Ravalli County Open Lands Board and establish its composition and term lengths

WHEREAS, the voters of Ravalli County passed the Open Lands General Obligation Bond on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the official ballot for the Open Lands General Obligation Bond stated that the Commissioners shall appoint an Open Lands Board pursuant to MCA 76-6-108(2)(d) and that the Open Lands Board shall be a voluntary citizen advisory committee which shall formulate and recommend to the Commissioners proposed rules and policies regarding open lands projects and expenditures consistent with and implementing the current Growth Policy and subsequent amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Ravalli County Right to Farm and Ranch Board has made a proposal for the composition of the Open Lands Board; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2006, the Ravalli County Commissioners held a public meeting to discuss the composition of the Open Lands Board and the Commissioners proposed that an additional at large position be added to the Ravalli County Right to Farm and Ranch Board's proposed composition bringing the total membership of the Open Lands Board to fifteen (15) members; and

WHEREAS, after legal notice, the Ravalli County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the establishment and composition of the Open Lands Board on December 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Ravalli County Board of County Commissioners, makes findings outlined below and, adopts the findings outlined below and, adopts the Ravalli County Open Lands Board, a fifteen (15) person volunteer board comprised of thirteen (13) voting members and two (2) exofficio members, with the following composition:

- 1) Three (3) representatives from the county at large.
- 2) Two (2) representatives from the county at large who own or operate county qualified agricultural operations (greater than fifty (50) percent of the owner's or operator's gross income is derived from agriculture).
- 3) Two (2) representatives from the Ravalli County Right to Farm and Ranch Board.

- 4) One (1) representative from the Ravalli County Conservation District.
- 5) One (1) representative from the Ravalli County Planning Board.
- 6) One (1) representative from the Ravalli County Weed Board.
- 7) One (1) representative from the Ravalli County Park Board.
- 8) One (1) representative from the county at large with a background in wildlife biology, ecology, environmental sciences, or similar field.
- 9) One (1) representative from the county at large with a background in hydrology, water resource management, or similar field.
- 10) One (1) exofficio representative from the Ravalli County Extension Office.
- 11) One (1) exofficio representative from the Bitterroot Land Trust.

Findings to Support Adoption:

- 1) On November 7, 2006, the voters of Ravalli County passed the Open Lands General Obligation Bond, which states that the Ravalli County Commissioners shall appoint members to an Open Lands Board; and
- 2) The Right to Farm and Ranch Board, which was created to serve as a citizen advisory board to Ravalli County regarding agriculture has been considering tools to preserve agriculture in Ravalli County, has proposed a composition for the Ravalli County Open Lands Board; and
- 3) Boards should be odd numbered for an efficient decision making process; and
- 4) Representatives from existing boards within the County, such as the Planning Board and Right to Farm Ranch Board, have knowledge and expertise that would benefit the Open Lands Board; and

WHEREAS, after the above Resolution was passed on December 21, 2006, with further discussion taking place by the Ravalli County Commissioners on January 12, 2007 and February 9, 2007; it was determined the terms of office were inadvertently left out of Resolution No. 2020; and

WHEREAS, after a public meeting was held on February 26, 2007, the Ravalli County Commissioners set the Board Member terms to three (3) years with initial staggered terms, and appointments of the following Board Members:

- Dan Walker: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2009, representing a county at large position
- Craig Siphers: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2008, representing a county at large position

- Paul Wilson: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2007, representing a county at large position
- Dan Kraft: 3 –year term with a term ending December 31, 2008, representing the county at large who own or operate county qualified agricultural operations (greater than fifty percent of the owner or operator's gross income)
- Dan Dunagan: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2009, representing the county at large who own or operate county qualified agricultural operations (greater than fifty percent of the owner or operator's gross income)
- Mike Pflieger: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2008, as a representative from the Right to Farm and Ranch Board
- Jim Ellingson: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2007, as a representative from the Right to Farm and Ranch Board
- Kent Myers: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2007, as a representative from the Ravalli County Conservation District
- Phil Connelly: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2007, as a representative from the Ravalli County Planning Board
- Tim Tackes: 3 –year term with a term ending December 31, 2009, as a representative from the Ravalli County Weed Board
- Gary Leese: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2008, as a representative from the Ravalli County Park Board
- John Vore: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2009, with a background in wildlife biology, ecology, environmental sciences, or a similar field
- Alan Maki: 3 – year term with a term ending December 31, 2009, with a background in hydrology, water resource management, or a similar field
- Rob Johnson: to serve at the pleasure of the Commissioners as a non voting exofficio member as a representative from the Ravalli County Extension Office
- John Orniston: to serve at the of the Commissioners as a non voting exofficio member as a representative from the Bitterroot Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, Dan Walker is appointed to serve as Interim Chair until the Open Lands Board choose's a Board Member to serve as Chairman; and

WHEREAS, In the event a member serving as a representative from another board leaves the Open Lands Board for any reason; that member's position on the Open Lands Board will be filled by another representative, as recommended by the affected board and as appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 2020 BE AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2037 REFLECTING THE ABOVE ADDITIONS OF THE THREE (3) YEAR TERMS OF APPOINTMENT WITH INITIAL STAGGERING OF TERMS, BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS, APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM CHAIRMAN AND FILLING BOARD APPOINTMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE BOARDS.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007.
BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Absent -

Greg Chilcott, Chairman

Alan Thompson

Alan Thompson, Member

Howard Lyons

Howard Lyons, Member

Raina Plattenberg
Clerk & Recorder

